

## DREAMER

He drinks vodka  
half the night  
hoping (fruitlessly)  
to unravel a few  
personal mysteries,  
then sleeps half  
the next day,  
his dreams  
broken & chaotic,  
yet engaging,  
especially the  
erotic ones, &  
he doesn't want  
to wake up.

## TRYING TO STOP

He's been swearing  
for 40 years  
& now he's  
trying to stop.  
Swearing used to  
give him momentary  
satisfaction.  
Now he thinks of  
it as negative.  
A form of pollution.  
But the habit  
is ingrained deep,  
like a scar.  
So he catches  
himself saying  
Goddamn, followed  
by dang, dang!